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Stent Migration

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Preliminary Amendment

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicants amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1, 4, 6, and 9.

Please amend claims 11 and 12:

11. (Amended) A method of reducing migration of a stent within a body vessel, the body vessel having an inner wall, the method comprising steps of:

providing a stent having an outer surface, the outer surface being smooth;

treating the outer surface of the stent to create a plurality of substantially uniformly oriented features capable of engaging the inner wall; and

delivering the stent transluminally within the body vessel; and

engaging the multiplicity of features to the inner wall of the body vessel to reduce risk of migration by the stent.

12. (Amended) The method as defined in claim 11 wherein the step of creating a plurality of substantially uniformly oriented features comprises a step of disposing an adhesive coating on the outer surface of the stent at a plurality of locations, the step of engaging further comprising bonding the stent to the vessel surface using the adhesive coating.

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